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SUBJECT: CUSTOMS CONFISCATION: AMCIT EDYTHE LUTZKER

1. EDYTHE LUTZKER TOLD DEPARTMENT OFFICER THAT ALL MATERIAL LISTED IN SENTENCE ONE, PARAGRAPH 2 OF REFTEL WAS CONFISCATED FROM HER BY SOVIET AUTHORITIES. ALL OF THIS MATERIAL HAD BEEN ACQUIRED BY MRS. LUTZHER IN THE SOVIET UNION.

2. MATERIAL LISTED SENTENCE TWO, PARAGRAPH 2 OF REFTEL WAS INSPECTED BY SOVIET AUTHORITIES AND SOME OF IT MAY REPEAT MAY HAVE BEEN CONFISCATED. MRS. LUTZKER DID NOT IN FACT KNOW WHAT SHE HAD. SOME OF THESE ADDITIONAL MATERIALS WERE ACQUIRED IN THE SOVIET UNION AND SOME WERE BROUGHT IN BY MRS. LUTZKER FROM THE UNITED STATES.

3. MRS. LUTZKER SAID THAT VIRTUALLY ALL OF THE MATERIAL SHE TOOK IN TO THE SOVIET UNION AND ACQUIRED THERE CONCERNED EVENTS WHICH TOOK PLACE BETWEEN 1874 AND 1889. NONE OF THE MATERIAL SHE TOOK IN OR ACQUIRED WAS ANTI-SOVIET; ALL OF IT WAS HISTORICAL IN NATURE. MRS- LUTZKER SAYS THAT SHE SPEAKS RUSSIAN FLUENTLY AND IS ABLE TO READ PRINTED RUSSIAN SCRIPT WITH EASE. NEVERTHELESS, THE PROTOCOL WHICH SHE WAS
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FORCED TO SIGN AFTER HER MATERIALS WERE CONFISCATED WAS

HAND-WRITTEN IN RUSSIAN IN A MANNER ILLEGIBLE TO HER. SHE
THINKS IT IS POSSIBLE, THEREFORE, THAT THE PROTOCOL MAY
HAVE STATED THAT SHE WAS CARRYING ANTI-SOVIET MATERIAL. ROGERS

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